

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kazuaki OKUNO et al.)	
)	Confirmation No.: 9193
Application No.: 10/573,821)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1652
Filed: March 28, 2006)	
)	Examiner: Sheridan L. Swope

For: POLYPEPTIDE CLEAVAGE METHOD USING OmpT PROTEASE VARIANT

RESPONSE TO THIRD RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This paper responds to a third revised restriction requirement mailed February 9, 2009. The present response is timely filed on or before April 9, 2009, by the concurrently filed petition for a ONE-month extension of time and corresponding fee.

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